

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information distribution method comprising the steps of:

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said user has terminated said telephone call before the elapse of said predetermined time duration, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

2. (Currently Amended) An information distribution method comprising the steps of:

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, regardless of whether said registration change guidance has not yet begun, has already begun, or has already completed, when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

3. (Currently Amended) An information distribution method comprising the steps of:

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call,

carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is not yet notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address, in contrast, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

4. (Currently Amended) An information distribution method comprising the steps of:

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, without any predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said

telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

5. (Original) An information distribution method According to any of Claims 1-4 wherein:

when there are a plurality of telephone destinations, and when e-mail information is transmitted depending on the telephone numbers of said telephone destinations, at each time when any one of said telephone destinations receives a telephone call from said user, the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call and the telephone number of the telephone destination having received said telephone call are stored in a form corresponded to each other in a second database for a predetermined time duration; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, and when said e-mail address has been already notified according to said predetermined method on the basis of said guidance, said telephone number of said telephone destination corresponding to the telephone number corresponding to said notified e-mail address is identified by searching said second database, whereby e-mail information depending on said telephone number of said telephone destination is transmitted to said notified e-mail address.

6. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system comprising:

a first apparatus for storing a database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other;

a second apparatus, on receiving a telephone call from a user, for searching said database of said first apparatus on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered; and

a third apparatus, when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, for carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address, further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change, and further

when said user has terminated said telephone call before the elapse of said predetermined time duration, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

7. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system comprising:

a first apparatus for storing a database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other;

a second apparatus, on receiving a telephone call from a user, for searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered; and

a third apparatus, when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, for carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address, further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call,

carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change, and further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, regardless of whether said registration change guidance has not yet begun, has already begun, or has already completed, when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

8. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system comprising:

a first apparatus for storing a database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other;

a second apparatus, on receiving a telephone call from a user, for searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered; and

a third apparatus, when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, for carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address, further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change, and further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is not yet notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address, in

contrast, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

9. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system comprising:

a first apparatus for storing a database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other;

a second apparatus, on receiving a telephone call from a user, for searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered; and

a third apparatus, when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, for carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address, further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, without any predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change, further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address, and further

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

10. (Original) An information distribution method According to any of Claims 6-9 comprising a fourth apparatus in which when there are a plurality of telephone destinations, and when e-mail information is transmitted depending on the telephone numbers of said telephone destinations, at each time when any one of said telephone destinations receives a telephone call from said user, the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call and the telephone number of the telephone destination having received said telephone call are stored in a form corresponded to each other in a second database for a predetermined time duration; wherein

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, and when said e-mail address has been already notified according to said predetermined method on the basis of said guidance, said third apparatus identifies said telephone number of said telephone destination corresponding to the telephone number corresponding to said notified e-mail address by searching said second database, and thereby transmits e-mail information depending on said telephone number of said telephone destination said notified e-mail address.

11. (Currently Amended) A third apparatus comprising guidance means of:

on receiving a telephone call from a user, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify an e-mail address, when the telephone number of the caller is determined as unregistered by a second apparatus for searching a database of a first apparatus storing said database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said user has terminated said telephone call before the elapse of said predetermined time duration, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

12. (Currently Amended) A third apparatus comprising guidance means of:

on receiving a telephone call from a user, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify an e-mail address, when the telephone number of the caller is determined as unregistered by a second apparatus for searching a database of a first apparatus storing said database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, regardless of whether said registration change guidance has not yet begun, has already begun, or has already completed, when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address..

13. (Currently Amended) A third apparatus comprising guidance means of:

on receiving a telephone call from a user, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify an e-mail address, when the telephone number of the caller is determined as unregistered by a second apparatus for searching a database of a first apparatus storing said database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said

telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is not yet notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address, in contrast, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

14. (Currently Amended) A third apparatus comprising guidance means of:

on receiving a telephone call from a user, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify an e-mail address, when the telephone number of the caller is determined as unregistered by a second apparatus for searching a database of a first apparatus storing said database generated in advance for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, without any predetermined time duration for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

15. - 36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which is computer-processable, said recording medium carrying a program for ~~causing-allowing~~ a computer to execute, ~~in the information distribution method according to Claim 1, all or part of the steps of:~~

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing-allowing~~ said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said user has terminated said telephone call before the elapse of said predetermined time duration, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

38. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which is computer-processable, said recording medium carrying a program for causing-allowing a computer to execute, ~~in the information distribution method according to Claim 2, all or part of the steps of:~~

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for causingallowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for causingallowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for causingallowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, regardless of whether said registration change guidance has not yet begun, has already begun, or has already completed, when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address.

39. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which is computer-processable, said recording medium carrying a program for causingallowing a computer to execute, ~~in the information distribution method according to Claim 3, all or part of the steps of:~~

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, after a predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is not yet notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address, in contrast, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

40. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which is computer-processable, said recording medium carrying a program for ~~causing~~allowing a computer to execute, in the information distribution method according to Claim 4, all or part of the steps of:

generating a database for corresponding telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to each other, in advance;

on receiving a telephone call from a user, searching said database on the basis of the telephone number of the caller of said telephone call, and thereby determining whether said telephone number of said caller is registered or unregistered;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as unregistered, carrying out initial registration guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify an e-mail address;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, without any predetermined time duration for ~~causing~~allowing said user to terminate said telephone call, carrying out registration change guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change;

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said user has terminated said telephone call, searching said database on the basis of said telephone number of said caller, and thereby transmitting e-mail information to the obtained e-mail address; and

when said telephone number of said caller is determined as registered, and when said registration change guidance is guidance for ~~causing~~allowing said user to notify a new e-mail address for registration change during the voice communication of said telephone call, if said new e-mail address for registration change is already notified at the time when said user has terminated said telephone call, not transmitting said e-mail information to the e-mail address older than said notified e-mail address.

41. - 54. (Cancelled)

55. (Withdrawn)

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